

I CLAIM:

1. A covered food storage container having a food cutting board surface therein, the covered container comprising:
 - (A) a food storage container defining an open top; and
 - 5 (B) a cover unit including
 - (a) a cover configured and dimensioned to close said open top; and
 - (b) a food cutting board surface secured to said cover for movement therewith as a unit;
- 10 said cover unit being movable between
 - (i) a covering orientation wherein said cover is removably secured to said container to close said open top thereof, with said cutting board surface being disposed entirely within the covered container, and
 - (ii) a cutting board orientation wherein said cover is removed
- 15 from said container so as to expose said open top thereof and inverted so as to enable cutting on said cutting board surface.
2. The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said container and said cover are formed of a first plastic, and said cutting board surface is formed of a material harder than said first plastic.
- 20 3. The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cutting board surface is manually separable from said cover.
4. The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cover additionally defines spout means extending from adjacent said cutting board surface to a location remotely spaced from said cover to facilitate manual movement of cut
- 25 food from said cutting board surface a remote location.
5. The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cover defines inwardly extending lips, and said cutting board surface defines peripheral recesses configured and dimensioned to releasably receive said lips.

6. The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cover additionally defines inwardly extending lips extending below and overlapping said cutting board surface.

7. The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cutting board surface is more rigid than said cover.

8. A covered food storage container having a food cutting board surface therein, the covered container comprising:

(A) a food storage container defining an open top; and

(B) a cover unit including

(a) a cover configured and dimensioned to close said open top; and

(b) a food cutting board surface releasably secured to said cover for movement therewith as a unit;

said cover unit being movable between

(i) a covering orientation wherein said cover is removably secured to said container to close said open top thereof, with said cutting board surface being disposed entirely within the covered container, and

(ii) a cutting board orientation wherein said cover is removed from said container so as to expose said open top thereof and inverted so as to enable cutting on said cutting board surface;

said container and said cover being formed of a first plastic, and said cutting board surface being formed of a material harder than said first plastic;

said cover additionally defining spout means extending from adjacent said cutting board surface to a location remotely spaced therefrom to facilitate manual movement of cut food from said cutting board surface to a remote location.